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FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

LS 6889

BILL NUMBER: HB 1650

NOTE PREPARED: Dec 20, 2002

BILL AMENDED:

SUBJECT: License Agent Service Fees.

FIRST AUTHOR: Rep. Hoffman

FIRST SPONSOR:

BILL STATUS: As Introduced

FUNDS AFFECTED: **GENERAL**
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 FEDERAL

IMPACT: State

Summary of Legislation: This bill increases the service fee that is retained for selling a hunting, trapping, or fishing license. The bill also prohibits raising the license fees before July 1, 2005.

Effective Date: July 1, 2003.

Explanation of State Expenditures:

Explanation of State Revenues: The fiscal impact of this bill is approximately \$560,858 of reduced revenue to the state.

The bill does not increase license fees. It increases the amount that agents who sell hunting, trapping, or fishing licenses can retain. The fee that an agent may retain is increased from \$0.75 to \$1.25, for an increase of \$0.50. This provision will decrease revenue by \$0.50 to the state for each license sold.

For CY 2001, 1,121,715 sport hunting and fishing licenses were sold by independent license agents, totaling \$11,536,793. Since this time, the cost of certain hunting, trapping and fishing licenses have increased. Assuming that the increased cost of the licenses and the implementation of the proposal do not affect the number sold, the state would lose \$560,858 (\$0.50* 1,121,715).

The bill also prohibits DNR from increasing hunting, trapping, or fishing license fees during FY 2004 and FY 2005.

License fees are deposited in the Fish and Wildlife Fund, which is used to finance the operations of the

Division of Fish and Wildlife and the Division of Law Enforcement within the Department of Natural Resources.

Explanation of Local Expenditures:

Explanation of Local Revenues: The amount of the service fee (\$0.25) that can be retained by clerks of a circuit court is not changed by this proposal. The \$0.50 fee increase is retained by the subagents of the clerks of the circuit courts. This proposal brings the fee retained by subagents to \$1.00.

State Agencies Affected: Department of Natural Resources.

Local Agencies Affected:

Information Sources: Division of Fish and Wildlife, Department of Natural Resources.

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